

# **FISCAL NOTE**

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LLS 19-0711 **Drafting Number: Date:** January 30, 2019 Sen. Priola; Williams A. Bill Status: Senate Business **Prime Sponsors:** 

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ELECTRIC MOTOR VEHICLES PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES Bill Topic: Summary of □ State Revenue □ TABOR Refund State Expenditure (minimal) □ Local Government **Fiscal Impact:** □ State Transfer □ Statutory Public Entity This bill authorizes electric utilities to create transportation electrification programs and allows for cost recovery. Beginning in FY 2019-20, the bill increases state workload.

**Appropriation** Summary:

No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note** Status:

The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

## **Summary of Legislation**

Under this bill, an electric utility may apply to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in the Department of Regulatory Agencies to create a transportation electrification program. The bill sets standards for PUC approval and allows for cost recovery.

## **State Expenditures**

The bill will increase PUC workload to review applications as they are filed. This application fits within the normal course of PUC business and does not require an increase in appropriations.

#### **Technical Note**

Under current law, the PUC must ensure that regulated utilities do not use ratepayer funds to subsidize nonregulated services. Certain sections of language in the bill are technically inconsistent with this requirement, and the PUC will incur legal services costs to resolve these conflicts if these technical issues are not addressed through an amendment. The fiscal note assumes this technical amendment is forthcoming, and has therefore not addressed these costs.

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## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 2, 2019, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 3, 2019, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

# **State and Local Government Contacts**

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